

## State of California - The Resources Agency DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME 2008 MARBLE MOUNTAINS ROOSEVELT ELK HUNT www.dfg.ca.gov



**General Information:** Congratulations on being drawn for the Marble Mountains Roosevelt Elk Hunt! The hunt area is generally heavily forested, steep, and rugged. Elk do not occur throughout the entire area so gathering information in advance of your hunt will likely be useful. We have prepared the following information to help you have a successful hunting experience.

**Regulations:** All hunters should read and be familiar with regulations contained in the current Hunting Regulations for Mammals and Furbearers. Section 364 describes the Marble Mountains Roosevelt Elk hunt area and hunting season. Most elk within the hunt area occur on public lands, however, occasionally animals are found on private property. Remember you must obtain written permission to hunt on private property and hunter trespass laws are strictly enforced.

Some of the elk within the hunt area have been fitted with radio collars. The data we are gathering is critical to the management of this herd. In the event that you harvest a collared animal, please contact Mr. Bob Schaefer at (530) 459-3164 immediately so that we can make arrangements to obtain the collar. In order to prevent the loss of data it is important that we are contacted as soon as possible.

**Public land:** Most public land within the hunt area is administered by the Klamath and Trinity N.F. The primary access into the hunt area is Highway 96, Forest Highway 93 along the Salmon River, and Highway 3 for access to the Trinity side. Many county and National Forest roads provide good access to public lands. Please be aware that some National Forest roads may be closed to vehicle access during the hunting season to protect natural resources or because they are impassible. Generally, these areas are open to hunting provided access is made by non-motorized vehicle.

Maps: USFS maps are available locally at most USFS offices; by contacting the USFS Pacific Southwest Regional Office at: 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592 (707-562-8737); or ordered by phone (406-329-3024), fax (406-329-3030), mail at USDA Forest Service, National Forest Store, P.O Box 8268, Missoula, MT 59807, or on-line at <a href="http://www.nationalforeststore.com/">http://www.nationalforeststore.com/</a>. Klamath National Forest maps provide general information regarding the location of public lands and roads within the hunt area. District transportation maps are also available for a fee. These maps depict many roads not identified on the general National Forest map. The Happy Camp and Oak Knoll district transportation maps will likely be the most useful to you.

**Weather:** Weather in this region is highly variable. It may be quite warm but early storms are common. Snow during your hunting season would be unusual but heavy rains can occur making some roads impassable. You should be prepared with appropriate clothing and equipment for a variety of weather conditions.

**Camping:** Camping is available at National forest campgrounds and is usually permitted at undesignated sites on the forest. Please refer to the Klamath or Trinity National. Forest map for designated campgrounds or contact the Klamath or Trinity National Forests for further information.

**Outfitters and Guides:** Outfitters and guides offer a variety of services for elk hunters interested in hunting in wilderness areas. Many have limited space so be sure to contact them as soon as possible

to reserve their services. A list of outfitters and guides permitted by the US Forest Service within the hunt area is available from the Klamath National Forest. It is your responsibility to verify any guides you retain have a current guide license issued by the Department of Fish and Game. If you plan to hunt on the US Forest Service property your guides will also need to be permitted with the US Forest Service. Failure to verify the proper licenses required may result in a citation to both the hunter and guide.

Care of Meat: Conditions during the elk hunting season can be quite warm. The weather and the steep, rugged terrain within the hunt area make it critical you are prepared to properly care for the meat if you harvest an animal. You should be prepared to skin and quarter or bone your elk immediately after it is tagged. The meat should be hung in flyproof breathable sacks in the shade until you pack it out. If you are hunting by yourself, you will need, at minimum, four game sacks, plenty of rope, a game hoist, a knife, a knife sharpener, and a pack frame. A meat saw or hatchet and a tarp would also likely be helpful. Black bear are abundant within the hunt area so caution is warranted if meat is left unattended.

## **Meat Cutting and Storage Facilities:**

Larry's Market
143 Davis Road
Happy Camp, California 96039
(530) 493-2359 or (530) 493-2621
Provides cut, wrapping, freezing, and hanging services.
Open Monday-Friday, but can arrange for service on weekends or evenings.

Shasta Valley Meats
410 South 11th Street
Montague, California 96067
(530) 459-5149 or (530) 459-5238
Provides cut, wrapping, freezing, and hanging services. Open Tue-Sat, arrange weekend.

Siskiyou Distributors
1313 Foothill Drive
Yreka, California 96064
(530) 842-1616
Provides cut, wrapping, freezing, and hanging services. Open Monday-Friday and Saturday morning 0900-1200

**Deer Season Overlap:** Please be aware that the last two days of the Marble Mountains Roosevelt Elk Hunt overlap with the first two days of the general deer season. Therefore, on those dates you may encounter deer hunters in the field.

**Additional Information:** If you have any questions regarding this hunt, please contact Mr. Bob Schaefer at (530) 459-3164 or Mr. Scott Hill at (530) 225-2366. Again, congratulations and we hope you have an enjoyable hunt.